



GAS BUGGY GOSSIP



NORTH FLORIDA REGION AACA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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Next Meeting...April 13th at 11:00 AM at Bob Evans Restaurant
I-295 and San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville.

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KEN LAWSON REPORTS ON FIELD TRIP TO THE AZALEA REGION
CAR SHOW IN PALTKA, FL ON MARCH 4 TH.

FIVE CLUB CARS CARAVANNED FROM GREEN COVE SOUTH TO PA-
LATKA FOR THE AACA SHOW. WYMAN'S 61 STUDE HAWK,
SCHUDEL'S 63 STUDE HAWK, DALY'S 63 DODGE CONV., SCOTT'S 71
BUICK RIVIERA AND KEN'S 53 PACKARD.

WE ARRIVED AT 9:30 TO AN OVERCAST DAY AND TO A DIMINISHED
SWOW FIELD OF CARS. OUR MEMBERS ENJOYED MEETING AND
CONVERSING WITH RICK WYMAN (ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS).
THE AZALEA GROUP HAD NICE "GOODY BAGS" PLUS THEY GAVE
AWAY BUCKETS WITH MORE GOODIES IN IT. THE AZALEA GROUP
ALWAYS PUTS ON A GREAT SHOW.

DUE TO IMPENDING RAIN, THE AWARDS CEREMONY STARTED AT
ONE AND ENDED AT ONE THIRTY SO THAT PEOPLE COULD "GET ON
THE ROAD". OUR GROUP WAS SURPRISED WITH A TOP 20 TROPHY.

ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

KRIS GEDDINGS

50/50

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AACA MINUTES - MARCH 9, 2012 AT JOSEPHS PIZZA

METING CALLED TO ORDER - Ken Lawson

PLEDGE - Bill Gillespie

Minutes as published in Newsletter – Bill Gillespie moved to accept, Linda Crider Seconded. All in favor to accept.

Treasurers Report Woody – Copies given to all, Dan Lyman moved to accept, Richard Wagner seconded. All were in favor to accept.

Donations Discussed. We received request from Rodhaven Boys Ranch, for extra help this year due to inflation. We have been giving \$100. Club agreed to increase to \$125.

Attendance: 25. Those present were as follows: The Witzzaks' The Dalys', Dee Scott, Christopher Parker, Stephanie Forquer, The Rogers', Bill Gillespie, The Wagners', Dan Lyman, Jerry Johnson, David Pinter, Pat Schudel, The Easleys' Sandy Wintz, Linda Crider, Larry Bryant, Ken Lawson, The McCrorys' and the Breslins.

GUEST: Robert (Bob) Momasa

Birthdays: Katherine Easley, 22 nd .

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken still has a few more name tags to purchase.

Azelea Festival – Only 40 cars attended.

April 15 th 1st Coast Car Council – Cruising to Creek

Geddings – Pictures while recuperating at home, pictures into paintings...

Car Show Old Plank Rd Baptist 3/11

Moosehaven May 13

Yearly Planner – Car Pictures

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed possibility of Club going to Tallahassee Car Museum.

Car Story, Jerry Johnson (New Member) Working on his 1960 Desoto

Next Meeting – Bob Evans

No further Business, - Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Wagner, Secretary 3/23/23

KEN WANTED MEMBERS TO READ THIS ARTICLE
I COULD NOT ENLARGE OR MODIFY FOR
EASIER READING IF YOU READING IT AS A
PDF FILE YOU CAN ENLARGE IT



From the Editor

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Hello from snowy Wisconsin,

Having just turned 31 myself, I am extremely excited to present this issue of *DeSoto Adventures*, highlighting some of the club's younger DeSoto owners! And on the note of this issue, I had such a great response, from teenagers to younger families, that I omitted the tech advisor and chapter information for one issue just to fit everything in; if you need to reference that information, you can either find it in the previous issue or on the club website at www.desoto.org.

It's quite common to go to shows or read magazine articles where a popular topic of discussion is what the future of the hobby holds. While there are other factors that may affect the future of the hobby, not all hope is lost and I hope that is evident after reading through this issue. I'd also like to offer a few thoughts of my own as a younger person very involved with shows and the hobby in general.

When I was at Chryslers at Carlisle this past summer, they had a "State of the Hobby" address with a number of speakers from different areas of the hobby. NDC member Mike McCandless (owner of McCandless Antique Auto and son of the famous racer Herb McCandless) had a great statement regarding car show etiquette. While this applies in a more general sense as well, he talked about how, when looking at a car at a show, comments and opinions should either be only positive or else kept to oneself. That kid with the ratty car might have spent two years saving up just to drag it out of a field and then spent the next six months working non-stop to get it out on the road. For as exciting of a moment as that would be for the young owner, that could easily be completely snuffed out in the blink of an eye with the wrong kind of feedback and boom - they have suddenly become anti-show, anti-club, and may even be discouraged enough to sell the car. If you want the clubs and hobby to survive, offer only helpful and positive feedback; even small gestures can leave lasting impressions for a kid. The same courtesy should be extended on the internet as well for the same reasons.

Another thing I have observed is there are a number of younger old car owners (even DeSoto specifically) that don't belong to clubs; they feel they can get everything online and while the internet certainly has its place, a mix of all available resources is really the best answer since the club offers exclusive advantages, networking and friendships in ways you don't usually get online.

There is the portion of the younger population that has no interest in conventional shows. It can be very easy to see why that might be; what is the appeal of sitting on the hot asphalt all day with a "driver" quality car competing for a piece of plastic against a bunch of restored cars, likely enduring questions all day such as "when do you plan to paint it"? Instead, they are out cruising and hanging out with friends, much like a lot of my parents' generation did when they were younger. Those were the days of a multi-colored, rusty Roadrunner doing brakestands out in the road in front of a weekend party, a several car drag race out of the tollbooth heading to the Mopar Nationals, and hanging out at the local ice cream stand on a Friday night. That was where the fun was and that really hasn't changed; today's car youth are doing the same things.

We can all do our part. Get your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbor kid, or just a kid with his parents at a local show engaged; you may just end up with a future DeSoto owner on your hands and lasting memories to boot!

Until next time, David Frank

YOUR EDITOR HAD TO JUGGLE THINGS A BIT
IN ORDER TO FORMAT THIS NEWSLETTER.
PLEASE NOTE THAT WOODY HAS SENT US AN
UPDATED ROSTER DATED APRIL ONE (THIS
WAS APIL FOOLS DAY...BUT WE ARE NOT
FOOLS, WE ARE CAR NUTS)

A BELATED **HAPPY EASTER** TO YOU AND
YOURS...GERRY GEDDINGS IS HOME AND RE-
COVERING WELL. WE HEAR THAT GEORGE
BRESLIN WAS ADMITTED TO BAPTIST HOSPITAL
WE HOPE TO SHARE MORE INFO AT THE LUNCH
MEETING.

BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD WAGNER ON 4/2

DEBBIE SCHUDEL ON 4/29

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE TO REPORT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN THE ROSTER

JERRY AND MARY JOHNSON

DANAND CAROLYN LYMAN

RICK AND CAROL WYMAN

WOODYISMS

March is in the rearview mirror and April is facing us through the windshield. If you've dragged your heels through a way-too-long winter, April is a breath of fresh air, with its newly blooming flowers, warmer temperatures, and cheery nature.

While it has classic holidays like April Fools' Day (April 1st) and Easter-April 9th (well, sometimes), the less familiar holidays, observances and awareness days throughout the month also hold opportunities to turn a new leaf and celebrate spring. For instance, Nature Day (April 2nd), Find a Rainbow Day (April 3rd), National Dandelion Day (April 5th) and National Gardening Day (April 14th) beckon you to get outside and make the most of those gorgeous spring days before the constant Summer 90-degree days are upon us. April 9th is also National Appreciate an Antique Day (that includes automotive items) so, a good day as is all of April for getting out on the roads and enjoying our antique autos.

Let's look at the Cash Flow Report for March. Income for March totaled \$163.00. Our members contributed \$80.00 this month to the donation jar, and we collected \$33.00 from the 50/50 drawing (won by Ken lawson) , \$40.00 in 2023 dues and \$10.00 in name tag payments. We disbursed one check for \$125.00 to support the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch (a thank you letter is attached) and a check to Crown Trophy for five name tags for members. We'll recoup the Crown Trophy funds when we get reimbursement from the members for their name tags. As of April 1st, we have \$4,189.22 in available funds in our bank account.

A review of our Budget versus Actuals only has one area where we are showing a significant variance which is Miscellaneous. This year we've ordered name tags for members, and we pay for these and then collect from the members for the cost of the name tags. Since this is a "Pass Through" transaction, I never include this in the Budget forecast. Every other area in our Budget versus Actuals Report is currently on target.

Also attached for your file is an updated roster dated 1 April. It reflects corrections required to member entries and the deletion of Messrs. Barsky and Peterson since they did not pay their 2023 dues.

Mark your calendar for our next meeting on April 13th at 11:00 AM at Bob Evans Restaurant, I-295 and San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Woody